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## Report Reds Plan Public U-2 Trial Early in July

MOSCOW, June 15 (Reuters)—Francis Gary Powers, the American pilot shot down over Russia on May 1, will be put on trial at the beginning of July, according to usually reliable sources.

The informants said it would be an open trial with journalists, diplomats, and even tourists invited, but were unable to say where it would be held.

### Death Sentence Possible

The pilot's wife, Barbara Gay Powers, 24, received a letter from Powers saying he faced possible life imprisonment or death on spying charges.

Reports reaching West Germany said the trial would not be opened July 4, American Independence day.

Powers, 30, was piloting a U-2 reconnaissance plane on

a high flying spy mission over the Soviet Union when he was downed near Sverdlovsk, 1,200 miles inside Russian borders.

### Leads to Summit Explosion

The pilot, said to be flying from a base in Pakistan toward Norway, parachuted from his crashing plane and was unhurt. Russia disclosed the downing of the U-2 four days after the event, and Premier Nikita Khrushchev demanded an American apology for the flight at the abortive Paris summit conference last month. President Eisenhower refused to apologize.

Khrushchev wrote to the pilot's father, Oliver Powers of Pound, Vt., saying he can come to visit his son in Russia. The elder Powers has said he likely will go to Russia in about 60 days.

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